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SUBJECT: ABUTARTUR PHOSPHATE PROJECT

REF: A) CAIRO 1966; B) CAIRO 0742

1. U.S. COMPANY, SOROS ASSOCIATES, CALLED CAGNE CONCERNING ARTICLE APPEARING IN APRIL 1976 ISSUE OF ENGINEERING AND MINING JOURNAL (E/MJ) REGARDING EGYPT'S PLANS TO DEVELOP PHOSPHATES AT KARGE IN NEW VALLEY. ARTICLE NOTES THAT MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROBLEM IS THAT OF TRANSPORTING PHOSPHATE TO RED SEA FOR EXPORT. LATER ON ARTICLE STATES QUOTE EGYPTIAN MINING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING SERVICES OF WESTERN CONSULTANT ON JOINT VENTURE BASIS BECAUSE OF SIZE OF PROJECT UNQUOTE. IMPLICATION IS THAT CONSULTING SERVICES ARE BEING SOUGHT FOR ENTIRE PROJECT.

2. SOROS IS TRANSPORTATION CONSULTING ENGINEERING COMPANY AND WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LAND TRANSPORT AND PORT FACILITY PART OF PROJECT. COMPANY WAS TOLD THAT OUR INFORMATION INDICATES EGYPTIANS PLAN TO DEVELOP INFRASTRUCTURE ON PROJECT SEPARATELY AND WERE CURRENTLY DEVELOPING TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CONSULTING ON MINING AND ORE BENEFICIATION
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ONLY.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY CONFIRM GOE STILL PLANNING IMPLEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PHASE ON ITS OWN. IF SO, REPORT ADVISABILITY OF SOROS CONTACTING VARIOUS GOE MINISTRIES INVOLVED AND IF APPROPRIATE PROVIDE NAME OF CONTACT. ALSO REQUEST UPDATE ON REFEELS. IN PARTICULAR, ACCORDING REF B, INVITATIONS FOR CONSULTING PROPOSALS WERE TO GO OUT IN FEBRUARY. IF SCHEDULE HAS INDEED SLIPPED WHAT IS CURRENT GOE THINKING ON TIMING. ROBINSON

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